

Jammu north youth express faith in Ch Sukhnandan's leadership

Modi Govt using all resources to ensure peace, prosperity in J&K: Sukhnandan

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JAMMU: Youth of Jammu north areas expressed their full faith in the leadership of former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar for the upliftment of the constituency and its rural areas which have not been developed so far.

In a meeting at Ban Talab area in North Jammu Constituency, the BJP workers led by Deepak Pandey District President BJYM, Atul Kumar, Johny and others, the former minister Sukhnandan Kumar apprised the youth to meet the people residing in the rural areas of Jammu regarding the new schemes



Senior BJP leader Ch Sukhnandan Kumar along with others during a meeting.

started by the government in J&K.

Disclosing the figures, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar said, "J&K has registered an increase of 3.7 percent in Good Governance during 2019 to 2021 period."

Over the past 2 years, the

DARPG has successfully collaborated with Government of Jammu & Kashmir in adoption of e-Office, capacity building programs for JKAS officers, as well as integration of JK-IGRAMS with District Portals. DARPG also conducted three regional

conferences on replication of good governance practices in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The index represents a significant milestone in realizing this vision of Prime Minister for next Generation Administrative Reforms," said Ch Sukhnandan

Kumar.

The Modi government is using all its resources in the best possible way to ensure peace, prosperity, progress, development and goodwill of all in J&K.

"The quick enhancement of facilities in almost all fields of activity like agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, local-self government, road connectivity and communication, tourism, governance, trade and industry, health and education, general amenities, is because of the hard work and the policies of the BJP government at centre and Manoj Sinha led administration in J&K UT," said the senior BJP leader Sukhnandan Kumar.



Congress protests against Modi Govt, opposes GST on packaged food grains

Highest GST in world imposed by BJP Govt: Bhalla

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JAMMU: The District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) on Monday held a meeting at the Congress office at Shaheed Chowk to discuss important matters.

After the meeting concluded, the Congress leaders staged a massive protest against the BJP government for the hike in GST rates of various essential commodities which came into effect from Monday after the meeting of the GST Council, which was chaired by union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The protest was led by former Minister & Working President PCC Raman Bhalla and former Minister Yogesh Sawhney, General Secretary PCC InCharge District President Jammu (U).

Slamming the BJP for increasing the GST rates, the Congress leaders raised slogans against the Centre and demanded the rollback of the hike.

Bhalla criticised the decision to increase GST rates, saying that this will very badly impact Indian families for whom various



Congress leaders raising slogans during a protest.

household items will be costlier.

With the hike coming into effect, the common man will have to pay extra to buy day to day items, further increasing their kitchen budget.

The government has now imposed 5% GST on daily use kitchen items such as curd, Lassi, buttermilk, paneer, rice, wheat, oats etc.

Calling GST the 'Gabbar Singh' Tax, Bhalla further stated that the BJP government has been consistently making efforts to increase taxes, increase government revenue at the cost of the pockets of the middle class and poor families.

It is a shameful and unnecessary decision that the BJP must roll back immediately.

Bhalla further highlighted that the brunt of this hike will be borne by the middle class families, the poor, the working class, who already struggle to make ends meet because of the existing inflation in our country.

Yogesh Sawhney lashed out at the BJP for "another huge blunder that comes in the form of GST rates hike". He stated that it is such an unnecessary move to hike GST on things like curd, paneer, rice and other essential commodities and it's sole objective is to exploit the country further.

Modi steering India to new heights toeing footsteps of saints, seers: Kavinder

'Follow teachings of great Sadhus, Sants to make country prosperous'



Senior J&K BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta during visit to Trimbakeshwar Jyotirling Temple at Nashik.

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NASHIK: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken India to new heights of progress and prosperity by toeing the footsteps of Saints and Seers, who were dominant in the sub continent during ancient times.

The BJP stalwart leader said that the treasure of Sanatan Dharma's philosophy needs to be assessed and implemented to make India Vishwa Guru in real terms as Vedas and Puranas possess immense knowledge and practicable theories to win the world.

He was speaking after paying obeisance at the

Trimbakeshwar Jyotirling Temple at Nashik on the first Monday of auspicious Shravan Maas. The Temple Management of Trimbakeshwar Jyotirling felicitated Kavinder Gupta and the Trustee of the temple Santosh Kadam gave an idol of Trimbakeshwar Bhagwan. During his visit, the senior BJP functionary also met Sadhu Samaj and had a meaningful dialogue.

Kavinder said that to make India prosperous and progress, it is imperative that every citizen should follow the path shown by the great Sadhus and Sants, as this is the key for making India's entry into the pool of countries which consider themselves as

super powers. He maintained that Indian leadership in the past had lost the path and started following western world's trends leading to snarl in the development process as earlier India was known as 'Sone Ki Chidiya'. He said that PM Modi through his dint of hard work is doing his best to once again make the country one of the richest in the world and for this, the country's premier needs people's overwhelming support.

The senior BJP leader criticized the section of opposition which is always finding faults in the working of BJP Government. He said by decrying every move of the government for the sake of opposition, these parties and leaders are creating hurdles in the development process which are uncallable for and intolerable. The former Deputy Chief Minister said that the need of the time is that the opposition should pave the way for the government to take full throttle initiatives to steer the country to pinnacle of development as this is the sole dream of PM Modi and the government which he is running.

Dalai Lama to give teachings in Leh from 28 July



His Holiness the Dalai Lama after his arrival at Leh.

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LEH: His Holiness the Dalai Lama is scheduled to give teachings on 28, 29 and 30 July 2022 at Jivetsal Teaching Ground in Leh. This was confirmed by the Ladakh Buddhist Association on Monday afternoon through an official press release. His Holiness the Dalai Lama will give 3 days of teaching in Ladakh at the request of the Ladakh Buddhist Association and the Ladakh Gonpa Association.

The office of the Dalai Lama also confirmed the teaching in Ladakh. "On July 28 & 29 morn-

ing, His Holiness will give teachings on Chapter 9 of Shantideva's 'A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life' (chodjug).

On July 30 morning His Holiness will confer the Avalokiteshvara Initiation (Chenresig Wang) followed by a short long-life prayer to His Holiness offered by the Ladakh Buddhist Association and the Ladakh Gonpa Association." the Dalai Lama's office said.

The Dalai Lama visited Ladakh on July 15 after a gap of four years. Thousands of devotees are expected to attend the teaching of the Dalai Lama in Ladakh.

Hit & run cases on rise in Valley

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Hit & Run incidents have increased in Kashmir valley during 2022 in which 7 people including a minor lost their lives whole one was seriously injured so far. According to Government data, a total of 3,66,138 road accidents occurred in India during 2020, causing 1,31,714 deaths. Hit & run cases have become a frequent norm in India. Hit-and-run accident can be described as a case, where an individual, hits another vehicle while driving and flees away from the spot. It

is civil responsibility of a driver to report a road mishap concerning his or her vehicle. On July, 15 two youth died while another was injured in Budgam hit & run case. A police official told that trio was riding a motorcycle, which was hit by an unknown vehicle near Arizaal Masjid. According to police, it came to fore that one Shakeel Ahmed Khan of Checkmarg Hardpanzoo, who doesn't possess a driving license, was driving the vehicle at time of incident.

On June 24, a 34 year old man

identified as Bashir Ahmad Bhat of Kupwara was killed in a hit & run accident in Ragbagh area of Srinagar. In this case police apprehended two juveniles and arrested their fathers. "Dr Shamin Bhat & Fayaz Rather, fathers of both juveniles were arrested in 191A MV act for giving vehicle to minors. Police has registered case and vehicle used in the crime was also seized," an official said.

On May 24, a newly-wed man was killed in hit & run case in Shadipora area of Bandipora district. Earlier on April 2,

unknown motorcyclist hit a pedestrian namely Bilal Ahmad Lone of Lorrhama Rafiabab, who later succumbed to his injuries at SMHS Hospital. On March 18, a policeman got injured in a hit & run case in Handwara, who also succumbed after two days. Similarly, a 55-year old man was killed in an hit and run case in Baramulla district.

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 includes legislation which imposes severe punishment to an individual involved in a hit-and-run accident. According to

Section 161 of Motor Vehicles Act, Hit-and-run is defined as 'an accident arising out of the use of a motor vehicle(s) the identity whereof cannot be ascertained in spite of reasonable efforts for the purpose.' Statistics indicate how roads have become an unsafe place for everyone. Over 30 per cent of all road accidents in India are hit & run cases, but only 10 per cent of hit & run accused are booked. Lack of concern for other person's safety, coupled with rash driving, are major contributing factors for the same.

Dilly-dallying elections in J&K, Sadhotra says BJP scared to face people



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing public meeting at Thathar in Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Monday lashed out at the BJP for dilly dallying elections to Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, saying that the saffron party was scared of the people due to its wrong policies, primarily downgrading the state into a Union Territory. "On the face of stiff resistance by the people and their alienation in the wake of 2019 political developments, the BJP is in a state of quandary due to imminent defeat and therefore it has been depriving the electors their right to choose their own government", Sadhotra said while addressing Public Meeting at Thathar in Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

Sadhotra said the hollow promises made by the BJP to justify its 2019 actions have fallen flat, as the state has not only lost its identity but the people stand deprived of development, economic dividends and particularly the employment to educated unemployed besides skilled and unskilled workforce. He said Jammu and Kashmir is reeling under high degree of inflation, with prices of essentials skyrocketing and development taking a huge dip over the years. The people are running helter-skelter for seeking redressal to their grievances with power and drinking water supply remaining a major irritant. In these hot and humid summers, the electricity is continuing to play truant for hours together which in turn impacts the supply of

tap water to the residents. Jammu and its peripheral areas together with the rural and urban pockets of the region are facing acute water and power crisis, he added. Sadhotra said that Jammu and Kashmir seems to be the last and the least priority for the Centre, which has pushed it to morass. What could be the extreme of lackadaisical attitude than that the Lieutenant Governor is being assisted by just one Advisor; he asked, saying the state is being virtually run by the bureaucrats. The people have no access to the government to register their grievances, he said, adding that bureaucratic dispensation is always detrimental to public interest. The former minister said that the gubernatorial arrangement is no alternative to popular government and the people are being deprived of their legitimate democratic right because the BJP has no prospect of getting any space in the public life. In fact, he said, the saffron party is poised to have a huge electoral debacle due to its anti people and anti-J&K policies that have pushed all segments of the society in both the regions and the sub-regions to the wall. The unemployed educated youth are the worst sufferers, he added.

Sadhotra exhorted the National Conference workers to intensify their mass outreach programme and identify the problems of the problems so that these can be voiced vehemently. He said the party has a track record of serving the people which it will continue braving all the challenges.

JU VC chairs Paperless Academic Council meet AC endorses land to lab programme, establishment of IIESDC

Application of Computers in Urdu course, MA (Punjabi), Diploma in Gyani & Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board to be introduced in DDE

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu conducted a paperless Academic Council Meet under the Chairmanship of Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu.

At the outset, Prof Rai expressed his gratitude to the Chancellor for his support and guidance.

Exuding confidence that the University of Jammu will touch new milestones in academic excellence, the Vice-Chancellor in his maiden academic Council meeting exhorted upon University fraternity to use all modes of technology, which enable University to go total paperless in all its functioning.

Vice-Chancellor exhorted that the Academic Council holds an imminent position, being the highest academic body of the University and the University is known for "its academic research and other extracurricular activities.

Prof Umesh Rai congratulated the University Institute of Engineering & Technology (UIET) for getting accredited by AICTE.

For achieving the milestone of 56 position in NIRF ranking, Prof. Rai congratulated the University fraternity for that University deserves applause, but we must strive for achieving a position within the 10 top educational institutions of the country for that we



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai chairing Academic Council Meet.

must have to work hard to make this dream come true.

Prof Rai appreciated the efforts of the Dean Academic Affairs and its team, Head of the teaching Departments and their team (Admission Committees etc.) for completing the admission process despite all odds.

Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs in his address sought the cooperation of the University fraternity for taking forward the academic and research of the University for Further Improvement of the rank of University.

During the meeting, around 76 agenda items were presented by Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu. Threadbare discussions were held on each of the agenda items along with the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the last Academic Council.

The Council unanimously

endorsed the establishment of Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Skill Development Centre (IIESDC). The academic council also endorsed the land to lab programme for the documentation, development and dissemination of ingenious knowledge of farmer, army, Industry and other civil society with University and various other stakeholders.

The item with regard to the Draft Research Policy for University of Jammu was endorsed by the Council. Prof K.S Charak, Department of Mathematics was nominated to work on the University Syndicate for the remaining triennial period of 2021-2024. In principle, Council endorsed the introduction of Environmental Science as a core subject in Under-Graduate Courses. It was resolved that the students shall become the lifetime member of the Alumni Association

of the University and will also strengthen the bond between students and alumni. This initiative will also increase the Alumni base of Jammu University and the students shall be the Ambassadors of the University of Jammu.

The Academic Council endorsed the introduction of Ph.D Programme in Physical Education in the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu. The introduction of MA (Punjabi) & Diploma Course in Gyani and the New Course "Application of Computers in Urdu course in Semester IV in the Directorate of Distance education was also endorsed.

The Constitution and Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board in the Directorate of Distance Education was also endorsed.

Empowering the Women of Jammu & Kashmir tt was resolved that the 5years Integrated MCA programme in the Bhaderwah Campus, and B.Ed M.Ed in Udhampur and Kathua Campus of the University of Jammu shall be introduced from the academic session July 2022-23. Council approved the implementation of Value added Workshops on Life Skills in University and six months Skill Based Certificate Course on communication skills in the University Entrepreneurship and

Skill Development Centre.

The Academic Council also endorsed the adoption of guidelines for pursuing two Academic programmes simultaneously. The syllabus of Common paper titled, "Understanding India" as per National Education Policy-2020 to be introduced in all Universities Govt of UT J&K by the Higher Education Department, UT J&K was also endorsed by the Academic Council. The University of Jammu is going to implement NEP 2020 from the Academic Session 2022-23 onwards and the Conveners of the various Board of Studies have been requested to present the template.

The Academic Council endorsed Guest Lecturers by the members of the civil society for sharing their first-hand experience in their field with the students. This initiative is to bring the land to lab and is one of the endorsements of NEP-20

Various other important academic matters of the University related to admission, examination, research etc were also discussed in the Academic Council meeting, which was attended by Deans of various Faculties, Rectors/Directors of the Offsite campuses, Heads of the Departments, Conveners of Boards of Studies, College Principals and other officials of the University.